

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2012

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday, April 27, 2012, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Tony Young, Lee Matthews, Rita Culross, John Courtney and Marc Zimmermann; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Dr. Clinton Pettigrew, Complaints Coordinator, was in partial attendance.

Dr. Young moved to accept the April 27, 2012 agenda. Dr. Matthews moved that the minutes of March 23, 2012 be amended and accepted. Dr. Zimmermann seconded the motion.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Young moved to enter Executive Session to review legal matters, conduct oral exams and file reviews. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Young –yea, Matthews – yea, Culross-yea, Courtney-yea and Zimmermann-yea.

Dr. Young moved to close Executive Session to enter the following:

Meeting: P-08-0913B (LSA-R.S. 42:6.1): The Board met with Dr. Boutte to discuss his case. The Board opined that the Consent Order terms had been satisfied. Dr. Boutte's license will be returned to good standing.

Complaint Review/Legal Matters:

- a. **P11-12-04C:** Dr. Pettigrew presented an updated Consent Order and Practice Monitoring Agreement for approval. After careful consideration, the Board opined that a meeting with the practice monitor was necessary. Ms. Parker agreed to contact the practice monitor and invite them to the next Board meeting. Dr. Matthews moved to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed, Dr. Young abstained.
- b. **P11-12-03C:** Dr. Pettigrew presented the case and investigator recommendation to the Board. After careful consideration of the facts presented, Dr. Courtney moved to accept the recommended dismissal. The motion was seconded by Dr. Culross. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **NP11-12-08B:** Ms. Parker presented the Board with communication in response to a cease and desist letter. After careful review of the facts presented, and information submitted in response, the Board opined that the response was not adequate. Dr. Courtney moved to invite the respondent for a meeting with the Board to clarify the issues and resolution needed. Dr. Zimmermann seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The board instructed Ms. Parker to invite the respondent to the next meeting.
- d. **NP11-12-07:** Ms. Parker presented the Board with communication in response to a cease and desist letter. After review and discussion, the Board agreed that the respondent resolved the issue. Dr. Young moved to close the case, and the motion passed.

Oral Examinations:

Yael Lieber, Ph.D. appeared before Dr. Culross, Dr. Zimmermann, and Dr. Matthews for an oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Lieber** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in School Psychology. The motion unanimously passed

Aaron Armelie, Ph.D. appeared before Dr. Courtney and Dr. Young for an oral examination. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant **Dr. Armelie** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed by a vote of the full board.

Sabera Sobhan, Ph.D. appeared before Dr. Courtney and Dr. Young for an oral examination. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant **Dr. Sobhan** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion unanimously passed by a vote of the full board.

Mark Skellie, Ph.D. appeared before Dr. Culross, Dr. Zimmermann and Dr. Matthews for an oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Skellie** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed by a vote of the full board.

Terry O. Thomas, Ph.D. appeared before the Board for the continuation of his oral examination. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant **Dr. Thomas** a license to practice psychology with a specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion passed, Dr. Young abstained.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

Dr. Young reviewed the application for licensure files and recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of: **Valerie Harwell Myers, Ph.D., Courtney A. Lewis, Ph.D., Catherine B. Kiracofe, Psy.D., Rebecca Rothbaum, Psy.D., and Akiko Mikamo, Psy.D.** (CPQ). The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Dr. Matthews reviewed and recommended the Board accept the Temporary Registration of **Daniel Hicky Grant, Ph.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed and recommended the Board accept the Emeritus status requests of: **Lester W. Barnett, Ph.D. and A. James Klein, Ph.D.**

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended the Board accept the supervised practice plans of **Lauren Rasmussen, Psy.D., Shannon Bruno, Ph.D., Jessica L. Walton, Ph.D., and Lisa-Ann Cuccurullo, Psy.D.**

Dr. Culross reviewed and recommended the Board accept the non-APA internship of **Leigh Ann Hess, Psy.D.** The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Young reviewed the reinstatement application file of **Linda S. Seaver, Ph.D.** and recommended that the Board grant Dr. Seaver's reinstatement if she successfully passes a jurisprudence and oral examination pursuant to Title 46, Section 815 Reinstatement. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: No report.

Oral Examination Committee:

Ms. Parker requested that the Board consider doing additional oral examinations at the next meeting. The Board accepted this recommendation.

Legislative Coordinator: Dr. Courtney and Ms. Parker brought the Board up to date on all legislative matters.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards: The Board discussed the recent ASPPB meeting in New Orleans and Annual LPA meeting.

Continuing Education: No report.

Complaints Committee: No report.

Long Range Planning Meeting/Awards Ceremony: No report.

Ad hoc Committee: Sunset Review: Ms. Parker reported that SB 87 was heard in Senate Health & Welfare on April 25, 2012 and it passed favorably out of committee.

Ad hoc Committee: Behavior Analysts: This item was discussed during the Legislative Coordinator report.

Discussion Items:

Telepsychology Task Force & Workshop: The Board discussed Telepsychology and the information obtained at ASPPB. The Board opined that permanent guidelines should be drafted, but at this time, the Board would refer to the Telepsychology Opinion, which was recently published. Dr. Culross mentioned that LPA Online Academy discussed a workshop on telepsychology.

Pursuant to **LSA R.S.42: 6.1(4)**, Dr. Young moved to enter Executive Session to review attorney client privileged documentation regarding a request received from The Psychology Times. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows: Young –yea, Matthews – yea, Culross-yea, Courtney-yea and Zimmermann-yea. Dr. Young moved to close the Executive Session to enter the following:

The Psychology Times: The Board reviewed and discussed the legal advice of Board Counsel, Lloyd J. Lunceford, Esquire. Based upon legal advice, the Board denied The Psychology Times' request and instructed Ms. Parker to draft a letter of explanation to send Dr. Julie Nelson.

2012-2017 Lease: Ms. Parker reported that she has received approval to proceed with a month-to-month lease until at least September 2012.

2012 Renewals: Ms. Parker presented a draft of the 2012 renewal reminder post cards for approval. The draft was accepted.

Office Technology: Ms. Parker updated the Board about office technology information presented at the ASPPB Executive Director's meeting. The Board discussed possible scenarios for after July 1, 2012. Ms. Parker also requested approval for purchasing an IPAD for use outside of the office, and noted that it would fall within the budgeted allowance for the year. Dr. Matthews moved to approve the motion for new equipment, and Dr. Culross seconded the motion.

July Board Meeting: The Board discussed July meeting dates, and picked July 13, 2012.

Dr. Young moved to adjourn and stated the next meeting is May 11, 2012. The motion was accepted. Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.